2.10 KERALA

1979-80

2.10.1 Administration : No change in the administrative set up took place.

2.10.2 Budget : For 1979-80 a sum of Rs.5,72,200 was spent against the budget provision of the equal amount on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs.37,500 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.2,00,000 on the plan side. For 1980-81 there is a provision of Rs.3,00,000 on the plan side while no provision was made on the non-plan side.

2.10.3 Building : As reported earlier the Directorate and the three Regional offices function in the Government buildings. Proposal to construct a new archives building in Trivandrum to cope with the expanding activities of this department has been taken up

2.10.4 Record Management : 22,000 records of the Huzur office of the former princely State of Travancore for the years 1969-1072 M.E. were listed. 1,800 Gazettes and 1,500 bundles of records of Travancore High Court were rearranged. About 1,500 cadjan records were copied.

2.10.5 Research and Reference : 16 research scholars availed themselves of the research facilities of the department in connection with their dissertations. Three records relating to land revenue were issued to Government agencies. 85 applications from private individuals were received for certified copies of records and 102 records were issued to research scholars on requisition.

2.10.6 Reference Media : A comprehensive programme for making reference aids was undertaken. The work on it is in progress.

2.10.7 Publication Programme : An "Archives Manual" is being revised for publication. The quarterly publication "Archives Newsletter" continued to be published as usual.

2.10.8 Preservation of Records : 210 sheets were flattened, 200 sheets repaired with tissue paper, 864 sheets repaired with chiffon, 450 sheets guarded and 120 sheets bound.

2.10.9 Photo Duplication : As reported earlier the Department has no microfilming unit of its own.

2.10.10 Library : 28 books were acquired during thepperiod.

2.10.11 Other Activities : In connection with the Archives Week, an exhibition was organised at Trivandrum. A talk was broadcast from All India Radio, Trivandrum by the Education Minister highlighting the importance of Archives.

The department participated in another exhibition at Tellicherry, sponsored by the Sarada Krishna Iyer Memorial Fine Arts Society. This too was largely attended and was a success. This department was awarded a third prize among the Departmental pavilions by the Exhibition Committee.

Six personnel of the department were deputed for training to the Tamil Nadu Archives. Among them three were given a fortnight's training in Archives Administration and three were trained in preservation of records.